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Finnish industrial output likely to top 5\% forecast




Bonn sounds out its neighbours on new U.S. missiles


International safety rules for nuclear reactors urged


## MILAN TRADE FAIR <br> an international spring event FOLLOWED BY 54 SPECIALIZED TRADE SHOWS WHICH KEEP THE FAIR OPEN TWELVE MONTHS EVERY YEAR

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Swiss trade gap widens in July

Paul Lendvai reports from Budapest on Romania's open confrontation with the Kremlin

## Defiance over spending shocks E. Europe




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## Opposition says Israel is near economic collapse



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## Economic plight outweighs political aversion



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## Speculation over rise in interest rates

## U.S. business inventories increase

BY STEWART. FLEMING IN NEW-YORK

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Fed proposes new rules on margins


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## Bill for troops shocks Bermuda

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Japan and EEC to hold conference on co-operation



Tariffs plan for China

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## Caracas industrial plan delayed




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## Two ministers fight big

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BY DAVID FISHLOCK

## Engineering graduate quality exasperates GEC, so it sponsors its own course at Bath

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by david lascelles


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## Cash boost for Panama series



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## THE ARTS

## Television

## All our yesterdays

## by ARTHUR SANDLES





## BBC Scottish



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## Elizabeth Hall

## Vermeer Quartet



## Venice under the camera

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## Regent's Park, Open Air

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## A new crop of mechanical harvesters



By DAVID FISHLOCK, Science Editor



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## ACC expects <br> buoyant year



## Electronic Rentals

up to budgets


OIL AND GAS NEWS Stanford Mines has North Sea hopes


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PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT GROUP RESULTS FOR THE-TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH. 1979

A. G. Stanley jumps $£ 0.5 \mathrm{~m}$ to $£ 1.2 \mathrm{~m}$ in first half



Transamerica Record 6 Months.

Period Ending June 30, 1979



'I am confident that the pre-tax results for the current year will return to around the level of those reported for 1977-78. This confidence is fully supported by the provisional figures for the trading period to date.' The Earl of Inchcape, Chairman of Inchcape E Co. Limited.

## The underlying strength of Inchcape



From the Chairman's Statement for the year cnded 3ist March 1979:
The year was by no means an easy one and the profit fell from $£ 62.3$ million to $£ 41.1$ loss made by Harborn, the Group's Dutch commodity trading subsidiary.
Other factors adversely affecting the results were continuing difficulties in Nigeria, depressed profits from Malaysia and Singapore arising from rationalising and restructuring the company's subsidiaries in these areas and generally lower levels of profit from the Middle East.
After deducting taxation, minority interests and preferencedividend the profitattributable

## Planning for future growth

THE GROUP has by no means stood still and has continued to look for new areas of activity, particularly in'Norith America and Europe.
In March, 1979 , the acquisition of $81 \%$ of the issued share capital of Marshall International Trading Co Inc
was completed. This company is located in Chicago and specialises in the export of Amcrican manufictured goods.
Bain Dawes has acquired The Bishopsgate Insurance Company from P \& O and a $75 \%$ interest in Gillist, Scofoard \& Hayworth, managing agents of a large non-marine underwriting syndicate at Lloyd's.
Our insurance interests bave also been strength the acquisition of a $25 \%$ interest in Tomenson

Saunders Whitehcad, one of the best known insurance brokers in Canada and by a link through the issue of Cie whereby that company acquired a $20 \%$ interest in the enlarged share capital of Bain Dawes. M M Worms et Cie is one of the most importanl financial institutions in France.
Negotiations have been completed for the purchasc of $100 \%$ of the equity in the International Motor Company SA locatcd in Brussels. This company is the
leading importer for the whole of Belgium and Luxermbourg of Toyota motor vchicles. This acquisition represents a significant stcp lorward in our policy of widening the Group's interests in the EEC
to ordinary shareholders is $\ell_{1} 6.3$ million $197^{8} £ 3^{1} .5$ million) representing earnings per ordinary share of 20.2 pence compared with 40.7 pence last year
The Board has recommended ordinary dividends totalling 16.5 pence per share net (1978.15 pence).

There is a great underlying strength in the Group and the Harborn loss must be seen as a one-off" situation in which the losses have now been stemmed. Subject only to the urther strengthening of sterling, I am confident that the pre-tax results for the current year will return to around the level of those for 1977-78.

The annual general meeting will be held at 12 noon on Friday, 7 September 1979, at the Axe, London EC3. Copies of the annual report and accounts are available from the Secretary, Inchcape \& Co. Limited, 40 St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8EU,

## Inchcape \& Co.Limited

## ABERCOM INVESTMENTS LIMITED <br> ©

Audited Income Statement for the vear ended 30th June, 1979

| Turnover | $\begin{gathered} 1979 \\ \mathbf{R}^{\prime} 000 \\ 132,776 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1978 \\ & R^{\prime} 000 \\ & 99,004 \end{aligned}$ |
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| Income before taxation | 8.530 | 4,637 |
| Taxation | 973 | 854 |
| Income after taxation | 7,557 | 3,783 |
| Minority interests | 505 | 392 |
| Net income | 7.052 | 3,481 |
| Dividends received from associated companies | 168 | 172 |
| Net earnings | 7.220 | 3,653 |
| Ordinary shares in issue (averaged) 1000's 1 | 15.010 | 14.046 |
| Earnings per share ..................... | 48 cents | 26 cents |
|  | 25.4 pence | 15 pence |
| Dividends per share .................. | 20 cents <br> 11.1 pence | 17 cents 10 pence |

## OPERATIONS

The Board is please to report higher earnings for the year to 30th June 1979. Profit after tax attributable to ordinary shareholders amounted to year. We benested before taxation was R8.530.000 an increase of 84 per cenv. to investment allowances in the UK and in South Africa and the utilisation of assessed losses. We expect the group's rate of taxation to increase
during the current year.

Strengthening of management and of financial control of the Group as a whole, together with rationalisations and improvements described in earlie reports, have contributed to the improved results. Demand for industrial fans remains strong and our fan companies performed creditably. We expect continued growth in this area during the year ahead. We have increased the scope of our spring-making activities and overall proitability from this area as well as that from our other component manufaccuring these activities during 1979/80. Substantial reorganisation of our design engineering and fabrication companies proved necessary during the year and, as anticipated, our overall results in this area improved, but to a lesse extent than we had expected at the half-year. Order backlogs are higher here than at this time last year, however, and we are seeing an increased availability of work in the market place. The outlook, therefore, remain encouraging and we expect results for 1979/80 to move favourably, glve that political and economic trends do not turn against our businesses in
South Africa and abroad.

## DIVIDEND

Dividend No. 33 has been declared at the rate of 10 cents ( 5,3 pence) per share and will he payable to shareholders registered on the Johanneshurg posted on or about 1st October, 1979, those for shareholders on the London register being drawn at the rate of exchange then in force, non-resident sharebolders' tax, where applicable, will be deducted.
ANNUAL REPORT
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By Order of the Board,
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D. J. McLoughlun,
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## Q Electronic Rentals Group

"Over the past decade profits have multiplied 21 times" -Mawrice Fry, Chairman.

大 The acquisition of British Relay Wireless \& Television Limited in December 1978 was a najor feature in probably the most exciting yea ofview

* Profitbefore taxand exceptional items increased by $30 \%$. * Borrowings, too. increasedlargely as a result of the BRW within a two year period under the impact of greater cashflow and profitgeneration
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$\star$ The CampingandLeisure Division, after making a good recovery during the firsthalf year. was adversely affected during the winter by weather conditions and industrial disputes completely outsideits control.
$\star$ A schemeis proposed that will enable many of our employees to become shareholders.
* We view the future with great confidence-particularly the prospects for television rental both at home and overseas. $\star$ The currentyear has started well andi hope to beable to report
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| Financial Position Tn Thousands) $^{\text {a }}$ | 1979 | 1978 |
| Total assets | \$ 5,225,989 | \$ 4,334,193 |
| Deposits | 4,271,676 | 3,404,11+ |
| Loans, net | 2,552,998 | 2,144,617 |
| Shareholder's equiry | 250,277 | 224,955 |
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## BMW lifts Chrysler Australia

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## Late rise in cocoa market



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